available. Both the Tenth Five Year Plan and the Mid-term Appraisal (MTA) of the Tenth Plan have suggested a number of measures to raise the growth rate in the country. Some of these include raising public investment in different sectors particularly in agriculture, infrastructure, *viz.* power, roads, greater focus on health and education, improving allocative efficiency of resources, enacting policy reforms with a view to creating an investor friendly environment, improving governance and enhancing the efficiency of delivery systems, etc. A large number of new programmes like Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, Accelerated Power Development Programme, Bharat Nirman Programme, National Highway Development Programme and National Urban Renewal Mission have been launched to achieve accelerated growth rates. Other important measures for development of infrastructure are creation of special purpose vehicle to finance infrastructure, rapid infrastructure development through PPP and liberal, transparent and investor-friendly FDI policy wherein FDI up to 100 per cent is allowed under automatic route for most of the sectors with restrictions in few sectors.

Bharat Nirman Programme in Rajasthan

3573. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects proposed by the State Government of Rajasthan, which fall under the canopy of "Bharat Nirman Programme" are pending for approval of the Central Government, since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in disposal/approval; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) The four year Bharat Nirman programme was launched only in 2005-06 and it is funding of approved ongoing programmes and up scaling of some of these programmes. The Central assistance to Rajasthan in 2005-06 for various components under the Bharat Nirman Programme are as under.

Programme	Amount (Rs. crore)	
	Earmarked	Released
Irrigation-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme	400.00 (280.00 is loan and 120.00 is grant)	90.2952 (grant)
Drinking Water		
(i) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (Normal allocation)	440.34	491.35
(ii) Swajaldhara	Demand driven	55.85
Roads-Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	286.00	434.82
Housing-Indira Awaas Yojana	60.13	64.94
Electrification-Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidhyutikaran Yojana	Demand driven	56.531
Telephone-Universal Service Obligation Fund	Demand Driven	11.549

The Physical achievements reported on various Bharat Nirman components in 2005-06 are as under.

Programme	Physical achievement	
	Target	Achievement
Drinking Water-Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme		
(a) Uncovered habitations	2033	352
(b) Slipped back habitations	6862	11630
(c) Water quality affected habitations	1057	96
Housing-Indira Awaas Yojana		
No. of houses	32070	38431
Roads-Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana		
(a) No. of habitations	743	656
(b) New connectivity (in km)	2153.615	3731.30
(c) Upgradation (in km)	0.000	0.000
Electrification-Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidhyutikaran Yojana		
No. of villages	124	230
Telephone-Universal Service Obligation fund		
No. of villages	2263	4840